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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: UN UNDERSECRETARY TANG'S COMMENTS ON MICRONESIA
AND US COLONIAL POLICY

1. AMB. WHITE, IN CAPACITY AS NEWLY APPOINTED US REPRESENTATIVE ON TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL, PAID COURTESTY CALL ON UN UNDER SECRETARY TANG (PRC NATIONAL) NOV. 13. WHEN ASKED WHAT IMPRESSIONS HE CARRIED AWAY FROM TTPI LAST WINTER, TANG REPLIED THAT USG "SHOULD DO MORE TO DEVELOP ECONOMY OF MICRONESIA". HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT "IN EVENT OF SUDDEN CATASTROPHE", MICRONESIANS WOULD BE UNABLE TO FEED THEMSELVES BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT. IN RESPONSE TO AMB. SHITE'S COMMENT THAT IN LAST ANALYSIS MICRONESIANS, THROUGH THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, WILL HAVE TO DETERMINE DIRECTION OF THEIR ECONOMY, TANG STUCK TO VIEW THAT USG "BEARS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT". TANG REFRAINED FROM ANY COMMENT ON POLITICAL SITUATION.

2. LATER IN CONVERSATION, TANG MADE RATHER VAGUE COMMENT
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THAT USG SHOULD "RESTUDY" ITS POLICIES TOWARD COLONIAL

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AREAS BECAUSE OF "RAPIDLY CHANGING SITUATION". TANG URGED
USG OFFICIALS TO STUDY CAREFULLY SPEECHES AT RECENT
MOSCOW GATHERING OF THE WORLD PEACE CONGRESS. TANG
SAID THAT WHILE HE DISAGREED STRONGLY WITH MANY STATEMENTS
MADE AT CONFERENCE, MEETING NEVERTHELESS PROVIDED VALUABLE
INSIGHT INTO COLONIAL PROBLEMS. TANG DECLINED TO BE DRAWN
INTO DISCUSSION OF US POLICIES TOWARD SPECIFIC AREAS.

3. IN CONTEXT OF DISCUSSION ON UN AS INSTITUTION,
TANG SAID "IF UN DIDN'T EXIST IT WOULD HAVE TO BE
INVENTED". HE THEN COMPLIMENTED USG FOR INCLUDING CONGRESSMEN
IN ITS DELEGATION. HE THOUGHT THIS WAS VALUABLE WAY TO
PROVIDE AMERICAN POLITICIANS WITH "REALISTIC VIEW" OF UN.

4. COMMENT: TANG FIRST VOICED VIEW THAT MICRONESIANS NEED
TO DEVELOP AGRICULTURAL SECTOR OF THEIR ECONOMY IN INFORMAL TALK
HE GAVE TO TRUK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DURING HIS VISIT
TO TTPI.
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